

Wyoming Library Association
MPLA Representative's Report
Snow King Resort, Jackson
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Carl Gaumer Library Champion Award

The MPLA Carl Gaumer Exhibitors Award has been renamed the *Carl Gaumer Library Champion Award*. The award was established in honor of Carl Gaumer, a vendor who exhibited at MPLA Conferences for years and years. The award is given to individuals or companies who demonstrate "*positive support of libraries in the Mountain Plains region.*"

Leadership Institute

A few changes have been made to the Leadership Institute.

- The date changed from specific dates to mid-September to mid-November.
- Institute Coordinator (Mary) pay raised from \$5500 to \$6000.
- Contractor (Maureen) pay raised from \$6000 to \$7500.

Conference Grants

Pre/post conference grants are available from MPLA. States may get a pre/post-conference grant for two consecutive years, and then must wait a year before applying again.

MPLA Task Force on Reorganization – Bylaws changes!

The charge of the Task Force was to find more efficient ways to run MPLA. The Task Force was to look at the structure of MPLA and make recommendations for changes.

Some of the changes recommended:

- Administration Committee (formally Finance/Management and Bylaws and Procedures): president, vice-president/president elect, secretary, one state representative, one moderator (see next bullet), and the executive secretary (ex-officio).
- Electronic Communities will be established, replacing sections as a new kind of interest group. The Task Force recommends a survey of the membership to determine the specific Communities that will be established. Moderators will replace Section Chairs.
- Membership Committee: charged to promote new membership and retention of existing members.
- Professional Development (formally Professional Development Grants, Scholarship, and Continuing Education).
- Conference Program Council is chaired by the Vice President/President-Elect with representatives of the yet-to-be determined EC's.
- A paid Training Officer will be hired to conduct training and orientation of new Board members.
- A position of Steward will be established to make sure this plan is implemented. Carol Hammond has selected as Steward.

To adopt the recommendations of the Task Force it must go before the membership for a vote to change the Bylaws, which will take place at conference. The plan is to use the 18-month transition year to implement these changes.

Respectfully submitted,
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